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Alleged assault on a toti by Mr. Gnanaprakasam, Tahsildar of Wallajah taluk.

* 1573 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. Gnanaprakasam, the present Tahsildar of Wallajah taluk, North Arcot district, assaulted and kicked the toti of Pakkam village in Gudiyattam taluk, when Mr. Gnanaprakasam was Tahsildar of that taluk, last year;

(b) whether the assault was unprovoked and for no reason whatever;

(c) whether there were instances in the past in which this officer has been behaving like this manner; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in this matter?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government are not aware that the facts are as stated.

(c) Reports have been called for from the Collector of North Arcot on certain allegations made by the hon. Member against the Tahsildar and reports are awaited.

(d) The Government propose to await the result of the enquiries already ordered.

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—"The Government say that they have called for reports; have they received them?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Not yet, Sir."

Legislative

Postal concessions to Members of the Legislative Council.

* 1574 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to question No. 575 answered on 12th October 1928 regarding postal concessions to Members of the Legislative Council, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a report has been submitted by the House Committee; and

(b) what action Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government of India have been addressed on the subject and their reply is awaited.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know what the nature of the recommendations is?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I am sorry, Sir, I do not recollect."

Survey

Fixing of demarcation stones in East Godavari district.

* 1575 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with regard to East Godavari—

(a) whether it is a fact that at previous survey operations demarcation stones were fixed at every bijunction as well as trijunction;

(b) if so, whether the same practice is being carried on at present; and

(c) if not, why not?

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A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) As a general rule theodolite stations including minor circuit stations and trijunctions of survey fields and ends of 'G' lines not coinciding with them are demarcated with stones; in addition, bends on the boundaries of villages, poramboke fields and subdivisions and minor circuit fields are similarly demarcated. In areas surveyed on the system of simple triangulation all field bends are demarcated with stones. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the orders in paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 1304, Revenue, dated 9th June 1916, and to G.O. No. 1055, Revenue, dated 16th March 1918, which are attached.[a]

Labour

Alleged acquisition of a plot in Vellambi village by the District Labour Officer.

* 1576 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to enquire and state—

(*a*) whether the District Labour Officer, North Arcot, has recommended the acquisition of a plot of land in Vellambi village of Wallajah taluk merely because he bore a grudge against the owner of the land in his capacity as Tahsildar of Wallajah;

(*b*) whether the acquisition proceedings in this village were necessary and how;

(*c*) what the amount of contribution by the Adi-Dravidas concerned was;

(*d*) whether any representation was made to the Labour Officer that the acquisition of the plot suggested by him was undesirable owing to insanitary conditions, the land being wet and admittedly in a lower level than the cheri site;

(*e*) what action the Labour Officer took on this representation and what orders he passed on the same;

(*f*) whether the proposed acquisition in Vellambi village was for Adi-Dravidas or for Christian converts; and

(*g*) if it was intended for Christian converts, whether the concessions to the depressed classes can be extended to Christian converts?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*f*) Owing to the congestion of the existing cheri and to the need for its extension, the District Labour Officer, North Arcot, proposed the acquisition of 84 cents of land in S. No. 225 of Vellambi village for provision of house-sites for the Adi-Dravidas and Christian converts from the depressed classes.

(*c*) One-fourth of the estimated cost of acquisition was collected from the Adi-Dravidas as initial deposit.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The District Labour Officer reported on the objections to the Collector and on his recommendation the Commissioner of Labour decided to drop the acquisition of the land in S. No. 225.

(*g*) In the matter of provision of house-sites for members of the depressed classes no distinction is made between Hindu members and Christian converts.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 354 infra.